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**EPA begins O&M meetings**

The EPA will begin meeting with local government representatives and the Technical Advisory Group on long-term operations and maintenance related to the Libby Superfund site.

The first meeting is Wednesday and the group will meet once a month.

The state of Montana will be involved in the discussion because they are responsible for 10 percent

of the cleanup costs.

Issues to be discussed range from warning renters about the presence of asbestos-tainted vermiculite insulation in a building to managing the landfill where a vermiculite cell has been constructed for long-term cleanups.

"Some of these issues will take years to resolve," said Jim Christiansen, EPA project director.